

Tagdal language

Tagdal (Tuareg name: *Tagdalt*)^[4] is a mixed Northern Songhay language of central Niger. *Ethnologue* considers it a "mixed Berber–Songhay language",^{[1][5]} while other researchers consider it Northern Songhay.^[6] About half of its daily vocabulary is Tuareg, and three quarters overall. There are two dialects: Tagdal proper, spoken by the Igdalen people, pastoralists who inhabit a region to the east along the Niger border to Tahoua in Niger,^[5] and **Tabarog**, spoken by the Iberogan people of the Azawagh valley on the Niger–Mali border.

Nicolai (1981) uses the name *Tihishit* as a cover term. Rueck & Christiansen^[7] say that

...the Igdalen and the Iberogan have for many purposes been treated as one group, and their speech forms are closely related. Nicolai uses "tihishit" as a common designator for these two speech forms...; however, this term is ambiguous. "Tihishit" is a term of Tamajaq origin meaning "the language of the blacks". The Igdalen and Iberogan used it to refer to all Northern Songhay speech forms.^[6]

Meanwhile, the Iberogan sometimes refer to their language as Tagdal.

Grammar

Tagdal is an agglutinative language, most likely due to Tuareg influence.

Pronouns

Tagdal gets its pronominal system from Northern Songhay languages.

	Singular	Plural
First	yay	iri
Second	nin	anji
Third	anga	ingi

Subject prefixes:

Tagdal	
Tagdal-Tabarog	
Tihishit	
Native to	Niger
Ethnicity	Igdalan, Iberogan
Native speakers	26,900 (2000) ^[1]
Language family	Nilo-Saharan? <div> <div> Songhay</div> <div> Northern Songhay</div> <div> Tagdal</div> </div>
Dialects	Tagdal <p>Tabarog</p>
Writing system	Tifinagh
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tda
Glottolog	tagd1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/tagd1238) ^[2]



Location of Songhay languages^[3]

Northwest Songhay:

- ☐ Korandje
- ☐ Koyra Chiini
- ☐ Tadakshahak
- ☐ Tasawaq
- ☐ Tagdal

	Singular	Plural
First	ya-	iri-
Second	ən/ni-	anji-
Third	a-	i-

Tagdal has two different prefixes used for negation. The first is *nə-*, which functions as perfective negation, and is the default choice for negation. It indicates something that might have happened in the past, but didn't, or in the case of stative verbs, something that is not true. The other negation prefix is *sə-*, which acts as a negation in the present or future. Uses of this negation are shown in these examples:^[8]

yanəkoj: I did not go

yasəbkoy: I was not going/I do not (habitually) go

yanəyarda: I disagree

Eastern Songhay:

- ☐ Tondi Songway Kiini
- ☐ Humburi Senni
- ☐ Koyraboro Senni
- ☐ Zarma language
- ☐ Dendi

Agdal

Person	Agdal
People	Igdalan
Language	Tagdal

Abarog

People	Iberogan
Language	Tabarog

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